

Please add the following new claims:

-- 25. The composition for food according to claim 1, which has an effect for improving blood fluidity and/or an effect for lowering blood pressure. --

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-- 26. The functional food or drink according to claim 13, which has an effect for improving blood fluidity and/or an effect for lowering blood pressure. --

REMARKS

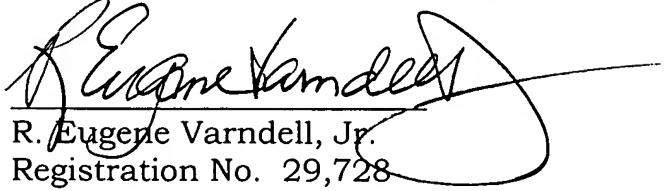
The foregoing amendments correct typographical errors in claims 23 and 24. Claims 25 and 26 were added to the application. These claims define subject matter within the scope of original claim 17, which was canceled. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to claims 23 and 24 by the current amendment. The attached pages are captioned "**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE.**"

Claims 1-14 and 18-26 are in the application for consideration by the examiner. Early consideration and allowance of these claims are respectfully requested.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 23 and 24 were amended as follows:

-- 23. (Amended) The composition for food according to claim 1, which has at least one effect for improving visual function selected from effects (1) to (8) as follows:

- (1) an effect of alleviating asthenopia;
- (2) an effect of lowered visual acuity;
- (3) an effect of alleviating myopia;
- (4) an effect of lowering refraction power of crystalline lens;
- (5) an effect of visual acuity in darkness;
- (6) an effect of improving adaptation to darkness;
- (7) an effect of improving retinal function; and
- (8) an effect of improving [rental] retinal rod. --

-- 24. (Amended) The functional food or drink according to claim 13, which has at least one effect for improving visual function selected from effects (1) to (8) as follows:

- (1) an effect of alleviating asthenopia;
- (2) an effect of lowered visual acuity;
- (3) an effect of alleviating myopia;
- (4) an effect of lowering refraction power of crystalline lens;
- (5) an effect of visual acuity in darkness;

- (6) an effect of improving adaptation to darkness;
- (7) an effect of improving retinal function; and
- (8) an effect of improving [rental] retinal rod. --